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அப்படி சில வருஷங்களாக நடந்து வருகிறதே ; இந்த முறையை மாற்றி கிராம பஞ்சாயத்துகள் நடத்தும் புத்தகசாலைகளுக்கும் அதிகப்படியான கிராண்டு கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ! ”

Mr. SPEAKER :—“ தனி கேள்வியாகப்போடவேண்டும். மூல கேள்விக்கும் இதற்கும் சம்பந்தம் இல்லை.”

Sri G. GOVINDAN :—“ சுற்றிப் பிரயாணம் செய்யும் லைப்ரரிகளை அதிகமாக ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு பதிலாக சர்கிளுக்கு ஒரு வாசக சாலையை ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்கார் முயற்சிக்குமா ? அப்படி ஏற்படுத்தினால்தான் கிராம வாசிகள் அதிகமாக வாசிக்க வசதி ஏற்படும். ஆகையால் சர்க்கிளுக்கு ஒரு லைப்ரரியை ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்கார் முயற்சிப்பார்களா ? ”

Mr. SPEAKER :—“ The hon. Member may put a separate question.”

Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Nattika Firka.

* 1563 *Q.*—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether Nattika Firka Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society has cleared all dues to the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—“ No, Sir. A sum of Rs. 30,976-4-8 is due to Government from the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Nattika Firka, towards the cost of foodgrains up to 31st December 1954 and Rs. 26,006-4-4 towards interest up to 30th November 1954.”

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—“ Will the Government consider the question of adjusting the Government dues? ”

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—“ I would like to have notice, Sir.”

Allowance to village accountants for land census work

* 1564 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to sanction an allowance to village accountants for the additional work in connection with the census of landholders or whether there is any proposal to appoint additional hands to cope with the work? ”

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—“ No, Sir.”

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—“ Sir, it was stated yesterday by the Hon. Minister that a number of accountants have been suspended because they could not turn out the work in the prescribed time. Now, the Government are imposing additional work and additional punishments. May I know why the Government cannot give them some additional remuneration in that respect? ”

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—“ Sir, it may be given, but in this case it is thought that it is not necessary.”

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SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Have the Government received any representation from the village karnams requesting the Government to meet at least the cost of stationery and the cost of oil which they had to use due to their late sitting in connection with the census work and if so what action the Government propose to take in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, I am not aware of any representation to that effect. But there was a representation to the effect that three months' pay should be given."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, the village officers have sent a petition to the Members of the Legislative Assembly and I think a copy of the same might have been sent to the Hon. Minister also. At one breath it was stated that the village officers were part-time Government servants but in another breath it was stated that they were regular Government servants and they will have to do all sorts of work. When they are asked to do all sorts of work, may I know why the Government cannot grant them some overtime allowance? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, we are now concerned with karnams and not with village officers as a class. As regards the grant of some extra allowance to them, I have already given my answer."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" When the Government give them additional work without additional remuneration, may I know why they do not at least give some additional time? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The question is whether the additional work is such as to warrant additional allowance."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Can the Government tell us whether these records are worth relying upon? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I do not understand what exactly the hon. Member means."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Sir, most of the karnams do not know how to prepare these accounts with the result that they have made many incorrect statements. Will the Government kindly look into the matter and tell us whether they are satisfied that the records are prepared on right lines? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" In a few cases, there may be mistakes. Even the hon. Member may commit some mistake. But that does not mean that he does not know anything."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" May I know why the Government cannot appoint special village accountants to help the present village accountants so that the accounts may be kept perfect? "

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The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, the work is expected to be perfect and all right."

Sri K. V. RAMASWAMY :—" ஏற்கெனவே கிராம அதிகாரிகளுக்கு 9-10 a.m.
இருக்கக்கூடிய சம்பளம் மிகவும் குறைவானது. லாண்டு சென்ஸஸ் வேலையும் சேர்ந்த பிறகு அவர்களுக்கு வேலை மிகவும் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. சம்பளம் குறைவாக இருக்கின்ற காரணத்தினால் அவர்கள் உற்சாகத்தை இழந்து வீடுகளில் உட்கார்ந்து கொண்டே லாண்டு சென்ஸஸ் எடுத்து அனுப்பிவிடுகிறார்கள். இதனால் பல தகராறுகள் ஏற்படக்கூடிய நிலைமை உண்டாகிறது. இதை அனுசரித்து சர்க்கார் அவர்களுடைய சம்பளத்தை உயர்த்த தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" This is only a passing phase. As regards shirking work, there are superior officers to look into it."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Consequent on the order of the Government to take a land census, some of the village karnams attending to work in villages ten or twelve square miles in extent found it impossible either to do their work properly or to complete the census work in time. As a result of this, even the usual pay of the karnams has been withheld which has made them less efficient in the discharge of their duties. In the light of these facts, will the Government reconsider the question and come to a reasonable decision? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir. In such hard cases, the Government will do justice."

Sri P. B. K. RAJA CHIDAMBARAM :—" While the Government servants in the Secretariat and the Collectorates are paid additional allowance for additional work which they are often required to do, how do the Government expect the village karnams to do this responsible additional work on which the Government are going to rely and act in the matter of reorganising the existing land revenue set-up? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Even in the offices referred to by the hon. Member, additional allowance is not always given. In the case of the village officers, in connection with certain other items of work they did, they were given some allowance. But in this case, no allowance was given."

Growing of trees by Harijans on Government lands.

* 1565 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any scheme was received from the Collector of Chingleput for the growing of trees by Harijans on all Government poramboke lands by granting them a subsidy for three years;

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter;